

## CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER AND DAILY HERALD

Our store will be open this week until

**9:30 p. m.**

for the convenience of the Xmas Shoppers.

**Corpus Christi Hardware Co.**

How are these  
for  
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Improved farm 140 acres fenced, ten acres in cultivation, comparatively open land. Has good house, cistern and outbuildings, \$25.00 per acre. This property is ten miles south of Corpus Christi.

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720 acres near Nueces River, forty miles west of Corpus Christi, good land, \$22.50 per acre.

750 acres excellent truck land four miles from city, \$12.00.

BUT WE BELIEVE  
THERE IS NO BETTER  
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT  
IN SOUTH TEXAS  
TODAY THAN IS OFFERED  
IN THE BLACK LANDS  
CONTIGUOUS TO CORPUS  
CHRISTI. NO SECTION  
CAN OFFER ANYTHING  
BETTER AND "LAURELES  
FARM TRACTS" IS A  
PHRASE THAT IS SYNONYMOUS  
WITH THE VERY  
BEST IN BLACK LANDS.  
YOU CAN BUY THIS IN  
TRACTS FROM 160 ACRES  
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AND BE CONVINCED.

**CUBAGE & CO.**  
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**Local Items  
of Interest**

Manure sets in holly boxes, 50 cents, at the Ideal Hairdressing Parlor.

Await the Arrival of Paint.

The decorating force of the Beauhien has been slightly delayed, due to the non-arrival of the paint to be used in the work. The workmen are ready, however, and the work will be carried rapidly forward as soon as the materials arrive.

Has Finished on the Job.

M. N. Trueheart, of the firm of Trueheart & Jackson, who have the contract to do a considerable part of

## Attention Shoppers!

Our Xmas stock consists of many articles appropriate for Xmas presents. We have a fine assortment of Sterling Silver and quadruped plated Silver Toilet Sets at most reasonable prices. Our line of Imported and American Perfumes can not be surpassed if equaled in the city. Bulk and fancy package goods from 25 cents to \$5.00. We have by far the largest and finest assortment of Xmas candy ever seen in this city. Bayley's Famous Candy in Xmas packages from \$1.25 to \$5.00. Our cigar department has no equal in this part of the State. Fine Cigars from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per box. Votes for our Automobile Contest given with every purchase.

BEFORE YOU BUY WE ASK THAT YOU VISIT OUR STORE.

**Thomas' Model Pharmacy**

### STREET PAVING FAVORED

#### Real Rainy Weather Causes Talk of Paving.

Now that a spell of real rainy weather has shown up the exact durability of dirt streets, there is a strong sentiment among the business men and residents in general, for paving. Most of the business men have in the past expressed their views upon this subject. Some are desirous of paving at almost any cost, and by almost any method. From a thorough inquiry into the situation, however, it does not appear probable that the people of the city will vote a bond issue for the purpose of paving any certain districts in the city. The assessment plan for paving is the only one that appeals very strongly to the people not living in the business part of the city.

The real source of the unrest in this connection, however, is beyond question the fact that during the past five or six years the residents as a whole have paid a considerable amount of money each for street work, and in rainy weather the streets become almost impassable for pedestrians and conveyances.

Figures are some times interesting. In this case they should be especially so. One merchant, for instance, estimates that the wet weather has prevented him from selling at least \$2,000 worth of goods. Others contend that they have lost money in similar proportion. Cotton farmers are rather hoping that the weather will continue as it is, but the truck farmers adopt an opposite view. Their crops have received about all of the rain that is necessary for a while, and they would like to see it clear up so that the cabbage and onions will grow a little.

There are three well-defined methods in which street improvements in defined districts may be carried out. The first is by the bonding plan, a tax being levied upon the whole city; the second is by the creation of an improvement district, requiring an amendment to the charter; the tax, however, falling only upon those in the district; the third is by the mutual agreement of the property owners in a certain district.

This last method is the one by which a number of business men hope to have a few blocks paved in the business section. Nearly all of the property owners living in a certain district in the downtown portion of the city have agreed to the proposition, and it is thought that in a few months this plan will be carried out.

From what can be gathered from the interested property owners, it seems certain that an amendment to the present charter will be applied for at the next session of the legislature, permitting the creation of improvement districts. This plan will be much more satisfactory to the people at large than by carrying out street improvements by bonding.

### CORPUS RED CROSS SALES

#### Chairman of Committee Thanks Ladies for their Successful Efforts.

Mrs. Frank H. Bushick, chairman of the local committee of ladies which undertook the sale of Corpus Christi's quota of Red Cross seals, reports that the sales to date have reached one hundred dollars. This was the amount allotted to this city by the State committee, of which Mrs. O. B. Connelly is chairman.

The full amount realized from the sales has been remitted to Mrs. Bushick through the local treasurer, Mr. Joseph Hirsch, being sent to Gen. W. R. Hance of Austin, the treasurer of the State committee.

Mrs. Bushick wishes through the Caller to make acknowledgment of hearty co-operation on the part of the generous people of Corpus Christi and to thank for valuable services rendered, Mr. Arthur Van Horne, secretary, Mr. Joseph Hirsch, treasurer, and the following ladies: Madam G. R. Scott, A. A. Thompson, J. B. Griffin, S. A. Early, H. Boedker, W. H. Paul and Miss Genevieve Morris.

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### BUSINESS RETARDED

#### Rainy Season Holding Back Holiday Shoppers.

"The present rainy weather may be good for the farmers," said a progressive business man yesterday, "but it is sure tough on the tradesmen of Corpus Christi. The big trouble is that people cannot get out to make their purchases as they ordinarily they usually do during Christmas times, and even when they are out buying, it's pretty hard for us to tell what has been ordered."

This is one rainy spell, at any rate, of which the residents of the city have grown rather tired of. Business and construction work are almost at a standstill in the city, and adding to all of the other misfortunes the non-operation of the street cars has made matters worse.

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### FEDERAL PRISONERS

#### Six Mexicans In County Jail to Remain Until January 1st.

No further efforts have been made by friends of the six Mexicans who are now confined in the county jail, as Federal prisoners to make bond, and it is now thought by Sheriff Wright that they will remain under his care, until January 1, when they are scheduled to be taken to Brownsville for an examining trial.

The following item from the Brownsville Herald tells of the approaching trial, and it is understood that the local prisoners are among the 15 who will face Federal Judge Waller Burns on New Year's day.

The Federal court which has been in recess since Dec. 11, and is still in recess, will be opened for business Monday, Jan. 1, 1912, for the hearing of the cases of the alleged neutrality law violators who have been arrested under indictment found by the Federal grand jury here. A telegram from Judge Waller T. Burns instructed that these cases be set for the first day in January also that all petit jurors be notified to be on hand on the said date, and that the defendants be notified of the same by letters. The telegram further directs that the court be recessed again next Monday until Jan. 1.

There are about a dozen under arrest who will appear before the court for a hearing. These include Col. F. A. Chapa, Ismael Hayes Retana, Antonio Magnon, Amado Sanchez, Jose Sanchez, P. Sanchez, Dr. Montemore, M. Miguel Arturo, Cisneros Chapa, A. Arturo, C. Chapa, Arturo Morgan.

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### BEGIN BUSINESS

#### Gulf Coast Hardware Company Opened Doats Yesterday.

The Gulf Coast Hardware Company is the name of a new retail concern that opened here for business yesterday morning. The store is located at 105 Mesquite street, and W. L. Walton, is the manager for the company.

The stock carried is large and varied, and includes all of the articles usually carried by up-to-date stores of this character, including a splendid line of builders and shelf hardware.

#### Funeral of Mrs. Knotts.

Services over the remains of Mrs. Melville Knotts who died in this city Wednesday occurred yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Elliott, 309 Coleman Ave.

Rev. T. F. Sessions, pastor of the Methodist church officiated at the service which was attended by a number of friends and acquaintances. The remains were shipped on the noon train to Bellington, W. Va., where interment will be made.

#### Turkeys.

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### CHRISTMAS TREES

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### STREET CAR SERVICE

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One prominent business man yesterday facetiously remarked that he would be in favor of the city council authorizing the street car company to import from Matamoros a number of the mules used for pulling the cars in that city, and placing them in similar work here.

To further intensify the predicament that residents of the city are now in, as a result of the breakdown at the power plant, the city streets are now in such a condition, as a result of the heavy rains, that autos are altogether out of commission, and backs are unable to fill the demand for conveyances.

The Brownsville train that arrived Wednesday night shortly after dark, carried more than 20 passengers for Corpus Christi, and to meet this crowd of people, many of whom are likely to be visiting for the purpose of locating here, was one bus, and which was already engorged. The other passengers were forced to walk through the mud to town.

At the office of the Street Railway Company last night, it was announced Superintendent Headley that cars may be operated by Saturday but of this we are not sure. It is understood that at the power plant a force of mechanics are working day and night to repair the big engine which is the cause of the shut down of street car service.

#### Final Examination Today.

Final examination for the present term of the public schools will be held this morning, and the teachers of all of the schools will meet on January 2, and make arrangements for the grading of the pupils for the new term which begins January 3.

It is expected that at the opening of the new term that there will be fully 100 new pupils enrolled in the various schools of the city, which will make the total enrollment near the 1700 mark.

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### COUNCIL MEETING

#### Important Meeting of Council for This Afternoon.

Probably one of the most interesting council meetings that will have been held during the present year will be the regular meeting which is scheduled for this afternoon.

That the street car situation in this city will be brought before the attention of the council officially, became known yesterday, when a number of the prominent business men announced an intention of appearing before the council this afternoon and see if some relief could not be had.

Another matter that will likely be submitted this afternoon for action by the council will be the matter of providing the city with an improved system of street lights. Engineer Peabody has made an exhaustive study of this phase of civic service during the past several weeks, and it is understood that he will make a recommendation to the council this afternoon, that will embody some radical changes over the system now in use.

The applications of the street railway company for permission to build lines on Railay avenue, and also for the Bay View avenue extension to the Alta Vista hotel, are also on file with the council, but it was not known yesterday whether or not they would be considered today.

The council will meet at 4 o'clock.

#### Drawing Closes.

The drawing for the handsome shetland pony and buggy that is being given by the Corpus Christi Hardware company and Model Show Store will be held tonight at 8:30, at the Model.

The attention of all Corpus Christi childhood will be focused on the Model tonight, for it is very unlikely that there is even one child in all Corpus Christi who has not deposited at least one of the ballots in the boxes, which have been at the two stores.

The contest has been in force for the past several months, and many thousand of the tickets have been with purchases of goods at the two stores.

A rule of the drawing is that all children who have deposited tickets during the contest must be present tonight at the drawing. A plan has been arranged whereby the drawing will be absolutely fair to all of the children who have tickets in the box.

As one little girl said to her sister last night, "I sure would like to go to the picture show tonight, but I guess I better go see if I win the shetland pony." The kiddies will all be there tonight, all right.

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